

CLAIMS

1. A decorative lighting apparatus, comprising:

a light strand having a plurality of differently colored lights;

5 a decorating selector comprising a switch which provides a plurality of user-selectable settings; and

logic which selectively illuminates the plurality of differently colored lights with a different holiday color scheme for each user-selectable setting of the switch.

10 2. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 1, wherein the decorative lighting apparatus has a Christmas color scheme and an Independence Day color scheme.

3. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 1, wherein the decorative
15 lighting apparatus has a Christmas color scheme which illuminates at least red and green colors and an Independence Day color scheme which illuminates red, white, and blue colors.

4. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 1, wherein the decorative
20 lighting apparatus has a Christmas color scheme, an Independence Day color scheme, and a Halloween color scheme.

5. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a flexible translucent rope; and
the plurality of differently colored lights disposed within the flexible translucent rope.

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6. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a connecting socket coupled to one end of the light strand and adapted to receive
a connecting plug from another light strand for control by the decorating selector.

10 7. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 1, wherein the logic comprises
one of a controller, a processor, and logic gates.

8. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 1, wherein the switch
comprises one of a rotary switch and a push-button switch.

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9. A decorative lighting apparatus, comprising:
a light strand having a plurality of lights;
a decorating selector comprising a switch which provides a plurality of user-
selectable settings; and

20 logic which selectively illuminates the light strand with a different color scheme
for each user-selectable setting of the switch.

10. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 9, wherein the different color schemes are associated with and correspond to different U.S. holidays.

11. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 9, wherein the different color
5 schemes are associated with and correspond to most major U.S. holidays.

12. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 9, wherein the different color schemes are associated with and correspond to different U.S. holidays including Christmas and Independence Day.

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13. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 9, wherein the different color schemes are associated with and correspond to different U.S. holidays including New Year's Day, Independence/Memorial Day, Halloween, and Christmas.

14. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 9, wherein the different color
15 schemes are associated with and correspond to different country/state flags.


15. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 9, wherein the different color schemes are associated with and correspond to different sports teams.

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16. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 9, wherein the logic comprises one of a controller, a processor, and logic gates.

17. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:
a flexible translucent rope; and
the colored lights being disposed in the flexible translucent rope.

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18. A decorative lighting apparatus, comprising: 
a light strand having a plurality of differently colored lights;
a plurality of user-settable switches; and
a plurality of outputs which selectively configure the light strand with a different
10 color scheme based on the settings of the plurality of user-settable switches.

19. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 18, further comprising:
a flexible translucent rope; and
the different colored lights being disposed in the flexible translucent rope.

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20. The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 18, wherein the plurality of
user-settable switches comprise dip switches.